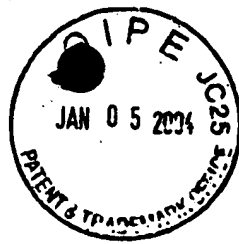


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIROSHI SUGITANI ET AL. ) Examiner: Anthony D. Tugbang  
Application No.: 09/360,453 ) Group Art Unit: 3729  
Filed: July 26, 1999 )  
For: INK JET HEAD, INK JET )  
APPARATUS, AND METHOD )  
OF AND APPARATUS FOR )  
MANUFACTURING THE HEAD : December 31, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 6.

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